

The PSC Pulse

2022 IRP OFFERS INCREASED RENEWABLES



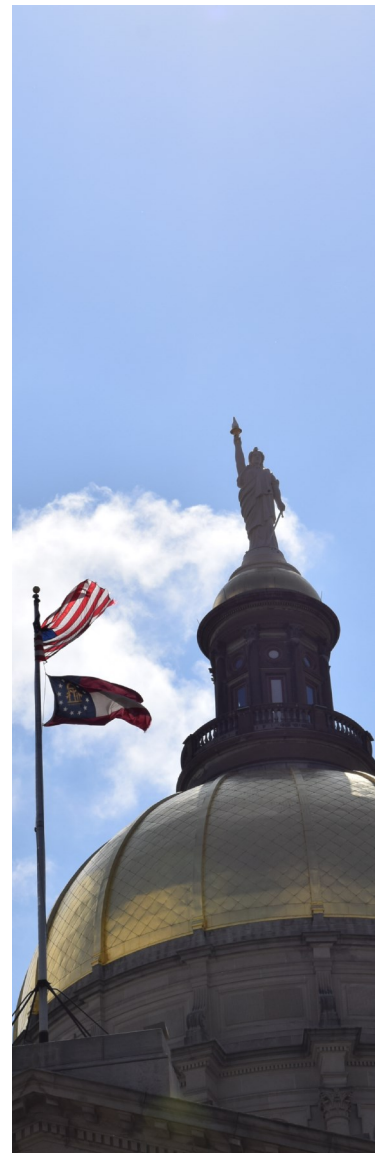
In a unanimous vote, Commissioners approved the 2022 Integrated Resource Plan, Georgia Power's 20-year plan for energy sources used to power the grid. The plan is updated every three years.

The 2022 IRP, one of the more complex IRPs in recent years, approves the closure of several coal-fired electricity generation plants, adds significant renewable energy to the grid and creates guidelines where Georgia Power must maintain a plan to ensure the closure of coal plants does not interfere with the reliability of the power grid.

Specifically, the IRP closes coal Units 1, 2 and 5A at Plant Wansley and Unit 1 at Plant Boulevard this year. It shuts Plant Scherer Unit 3 and Units 1-4 and A at Plant Gaston by the end of 2028. The IRP also instructs Georgia Power to add 2,440 megawatts of renewable energy resources over the next three years.

Transition from coal to natural gas and renewable energy requires significant forethought to prevent load loss and power outages. Georgia Power will work with PSC staff to maintain the North Georgia Reliability and Resilience Action Plan. This will ensure long-term reliability.

The unanimously approved 2022 IRP shows Georgia is moving in the right direction for a positive energy future.



COMMISSIONER SHAW ADDS MORE BIOMASS



During the final approval hearing for the 2022 Integrated Resource Plan, Commissioner **Jason Shaw** made a motion for Georgia Power to add 140 megawatts of biomass energy to the grid.

The motion passed unanimously.

Shaw said his motion recognizes the benefits of biomass as a renewable resource. Georgia is the number one forestry state in the country with 22 million acres of commercially available timberland. This motion will allow Georgia to continue exploring ways to support this viable industry in the state while providing jobs and economic development to rural communities.

Shaw has long been a proponent of biomass and his efforts will help take advantage of this renewable resource across Georgia.

COMMISSIONERS HOLD TOWN HALL TO DISCUSS UTILITY ISSUES AND THE IRP

Over the past two years, in an effort to curb the spread of COVID-19, Georgia residents' participation in Public Service Commission meetings has been limited to watching live streamed meetings and submitting comments via email.



This spring, the Commission opened its door for a Town Hall public forum where residents could ask the Commissioners anything from details about their natural gas bills to the Georgia Power Integrated Resource Plan. By the end of the day, about 40 people came to address the Commission.

"We decided to open the doors for a Town Hall to ensure any member of the public who wants

to address the PSC gets the opportunity," said PSC Chairman **Tricia Pridemore**.

Although attendance in the hearing room was limited, overflow space was available for those waiting for their turn to speak. Facemasks were encouraged as were other public health, COVID-19 guidelines.

Several residents said they wanted the Commissioners to approve more renewable energy in the Georgia Power grid. Others discussed their bills and what could be done to keep prices low. A few had specific problems, including one man who discussed an ongoing problem with his small apartment complex. The four units all shared one power box and had longtime disputes about splitting the bill. Commissioners and staff helped him negotiate a solution with Georgia Power Company.



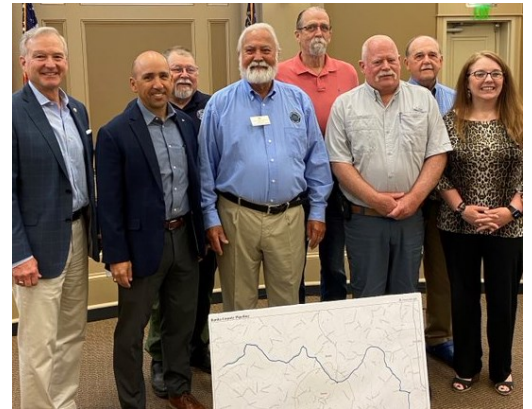
Residents address the Commission about the cost of energy, the IRP and other issues

THE PSC IS ON THE JOB

In a post-pandemic world, Commissioners and Staff once again venture across the state of Georgia



Commissioner **Tim Echols** joins State and Local leaders in Savannah for the Georgia Municipal Association's Energy and Environment Committee.



Commissioner **Lauren "Bubba" McDonald**, members of the Georgia General Assembly, Banks County Commission and Atlanta Gas Light celebrate the completion of a new pipeline in Banks County.

Pipeline Safety Inspector **David Lewis** speaks about the 811 Call Before You Dig program at the Annual Georgia Utilities Coordinating Council on Jekyll Island



Commissioner **Jason Shaw** visits the construction site at the Vogtle nuclear plant.



Members of the Natural Gas Unit posing before a recently approved Liquefied Natural Gas storage tank in Cherokee County.

GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONERS, STAFF ATTEND EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE AT SEARUC, PUERTO RICO

The Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners — or SEARUC — consists of 11 Southern states and Puerto Rico. This year's Annual Educational Conference was held in San Juan.

Four of the five Commissioners and some staff were riveted with dozens of educational seminars ranging from electric grid resilience to electric vehicle adoption to broadband expansion to cybersecurity.

A session of particular interest was about the rebuild of Puerto Rico's electric grid after Hurricane Maria made landfall in 2017.

PSC Chairman **Tricia Pridemore** moderated a session that focused on regulating emerging technologies. Her panelists included the director of the National Regulatory Research Institute and the executive director of the Critical Consumer Issues Forum.

Other presenters in San Juan included private industry experts, PhDs with non-profit think tanks, elected officials and staff from the U.S. Department of Energy.

SEARUC's educational conferences are integral to ensuring energy regulators share insights, ideas, challenges and

successes throughout the Southeastern United States. It is a division of NARUC, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.



Chairman **Tricia Pridemore** moderates a panel on emerging technologies



Utilities Analyst **George Brown** and Utilities Engineer **Janey Chauvet** listen in on an update from the task-force for electric transmission



Commissioner **Jason Shaw** listens to the Governor of Puerto Rico deliver the keynote address.



Commissioner **Fitz Johnson** shares insights with colleagues from around the Southeast over breakfast



Commissioner **Lauren “Bubba” McDonald** listens to a session about electric vehicles’ affect on the grid.



Utilities Director **Tom Bond** answers emails while waiting for the next session to begin.



Above: EERE Engineer **John Kaduk** and EERE Director **Jamie Barber** prepare for a session detailing the roll of hydrogen on the path to clean energy



Former Florida Public Service Commissioner **Katrina McMurrian** discusses customer needs during the transition to renewable energy

At right: **John Kaduk, Tom Bond and Jamie Barber** visit the wind facility in Santa Isabel, Puerto Rico. The 75 MW facility is owned by Pattern Energy.



Puerto Rico’s Governor, **Pedro Pierluisi-Urrutia** gives the keynote address



COMMISSION CHAIR NAMED FUTURE NARUC PRESIDENT

Georgia Public Service Commission Chairman **Tricia Pridemore** was unanimously elected by the member states of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC) to serve on the board of directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC).

In November, she will become 2nd Vice President of NARUC. In November 2023, she will advance to 1st Vice President and in November 2024 she will begin a one-year term as NARUC President.

This will mark the first time a Georgia Commissioner has led NARUC in 19 years.



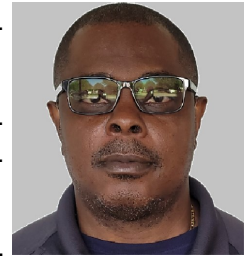
Chairman **Pridemore** is congratulated by her executive assistant, **Amy Hicks**, shortly after the election.

NEW FACES AT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The Georgia Public Service Commission has been actively hiring staff as its mission expands, its workload increases and as its oversight of Plant Vogtle intensifies as the nuclear power expansion project nears completion.

In recent months, the PSC has hired three natural gas analysts, two electric analysts, a paralegal and a pipeline safety inspector. Also on board is a summer intern for the legal department.

Daniel Clemmons, the PSC's latest pipeline safety inspector, is a former Platoon Sergeant who has spent nine years with Liberty Utilities, the past five as a compliance technician.



Daniel Clemmons



Anjali Dube



Catie Cox



**Diana Hollis
Cain**

The Natural Gas Unit has hired **Anjali Dube** and **Catie Cox** as utility analysts and **Diana Hollis Cain** as an operations analyst. Dube, who holds an MBA and a Masters of Commerce in accounting and finance, has spent the past 12 years in financial management, internal administration and customer service. Cox has come to the PSC after serving as a staff accountant for RaceTrac Inc. here in Atlanta. Cain, a former executive assistant and administrative operations manager at

AT&T, has longtime experience in helping to keep utility/communications companies organized and running smoothly.

In the Electric Unit, **Jason Forsythe** and **Anna Vukmanovic** are the most recent utilities analysts. Forsythe, who comes to Atlanta from New Jersey, previously worked as an accountant for a financial solutions company and as a rate analyst for the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. Vukmanovic, who holds a Masters of Public Health/Environmental Health from Georgia State, once worked as a research assistant for a PhD candidate studying the effects of aerosol products on the lungs.



Jason Forsythe



Anna Vukmanovic



Chesley Dix



Jonathan Steele

The legal department is also getting some help with the hiring of **Chesley Dix** as a paralegal and **Jonathan Steele** as a summer intern. Dix finished his law degree at Georgia State in 2017. Before his most recent job as a document reviewer for a legal consulting company, he was an intern for the Atlanta public defender and worked as a commercial loan processor/underwriter. Steele is in his second year of law school at Georgia State.

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY!**

MILESTONES AND ACHIEVEMENTS



5 YEARS



Jack Hewitt

15 YEARS



Samir Ahmed

20 YEARS



Quawanda Boyer

29 YEARS



Nancy Tyer

32 YEARS



Leon Bowles



Lynn Buffington spent 27 years working for Atlanta Gas Light before working another 20 at the PSC. He retired during the COVID shutdown, so it took his colleagues a little bit of

time (two years!) to host a farewell lunch. They finally sent him off in style during a seminar in Williamson, Ga. As a pipeline safety inspector, Lynn was respected for his work ethic, his deep knowledge of the field, and his straightforward demeanor.

Executive Director **Reece McAlister** is a grandfather once again.



When his daughter, Katelyn King, gave birth earlier this year to Forrest Mack King, it marked his fifth grandchild — but his first grandson.



Atlanta Magazine named Commissioner **Lauren “Bubba” McDonald** one of the city’s 500

“Most Powerful Leaders.”

The article noted his years in the General Assembly, his years with the Public Service Commission and a few interesting facts, like his first job, a soda jerk in Commerce Drug Company.

Heidi Strain, executive assistant to Commissioners Lauren “Bubba” McDonald and Jason Shaw, has received her private pilot’s license. She’s pictured below with her instructor on the day she passed her “ride check.”

Her father's brothers and sister obtained their pilots’ licenses, but her father couldn't due to a medical issue. In honor of her father, she decided to take a discovery flight for her birthday. After one flight at the controls, she was hooked and now flies every chance she gets.

“As a nod to my uncles who have passed away, I keep a picture of them with me when I fly,” she said.



COMMISSION CALENDAR

August 2022

2—Administrative Session

11—Committee Meetings

16—Administrative Session

25—Docket # 44392 Liberty Utilities Gas Supply Plan hearing

September 2022

1—Committee Meetings

6—Administrative Session

14— 15 Docket # 44319 AGL Capacity Supply Plan hearing

15—Committee Meetings

19— 21 Docket # 44280 Georgia Power 2022 Rate Case

20—Administrative Session

29—Committee Meetings

October 2022

4— Administrative Session

13—Committee Meetings

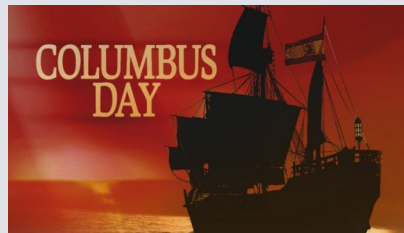
18—Administrative Session

27—Committee Meetings

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS



Monday, Sept. 5



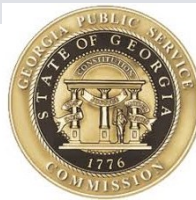
Monday, Oct. 10



Friday, Nov. 11

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